

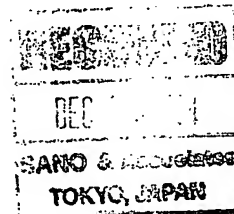
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.
☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☐ the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the claims:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the drawings:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	3, 5-6	YES
	Claims	1-2, 4	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: SHIOMI, HANEDA, MEGURO, FURUSE, "Hatsuwa Onsei ni yoru Hiroudo Kaiseki Souchi," Information Processing Society of Japan, Dai 64 Kai Zenkoku Taikai Kouen Runbun-shuu (1), 12 March 2002, Demonstration-15, pages 1-253

Document 2: JP 3151489 B2 (Director-General, Ship Research Institute, Ministry of Transport), 26 January 2001, claims 1, 2 and 4, fig. 4, (Family: none)

Document 3: MIYASHITA, WADA, "Fukusuu Washa ni yoru Renzoku Onsei-chuu no Onso wo Target to shita Chaos-sei no Hitokaiseki," Dai 11 Kai Intelligent System Symposium Kouen Ronbun-shuu, 24 September 2001, pages 33-36

Claims 1-2

Document 1 discloses an analysis device which segments voice data into phonological units and then measures and evaluates the Lyapunov exponents thereof. It would be obvious to a person skilled in the art to add the analog/digital conversion means and the means for outputting the voiced portions, which are disclosed in document 2, to the analysis device that is disclosed in document 1 in order to improve the performance thereof.

Claim 3

Documents 1-3 define the general state of the art in this technical field, and disclose analysis devices that use Lyapunov exponents. However, documents 1-3 do not disclose or suggest the feature of segmenting only the phoneme strings that correspond to the phoneme string data from the phoneme string database in the aforementioned analysis device.

Claim 4

Document 3 indicates that a chaos analysis is conducted on the phonemes that are segmented out from continuous speech sounds, and especially on the five vowel sounds that are segmented out. It would be obvious to a person skilled in the art to employ the abovementioned method, wherein predetermined phonemes are segmented out, as an analysis method in the analysis device that is disclosed in document 1.

Claim 5

Documents 1-3 do not disclose or suggest the feature of selecting and setting the phonemes or phoneme strings arbitrarily in the abovementioned analysis device.

Claim 6

Documents 1-3 do not disclose or suggest the feature of applying the amount of offset when segmenting in the abovementioned analysis device.